

BEVERLEY BELLS.

Mark! Hark!
Beverley Bells are ringing.
Are ringing for the last.
Their clear tones fill the twilight chill
With ringing melody.
There's a white face at a window,
There's a sad heart in the town,
Is that a bride by the gray bedside,
Is that a wedding gown?
Ring, bells of Beverly,
Ring on as ye ring them;
There is no mirth in Heaven or earth,
No truth in the hearts of men!

Mark! Hark!
Beverley Bells are ringing.
Over the waters and the street,
Two years ago they once rang so,
And Oh, the dream was sweet!
He is not dead, but faithful—
He has come at last to redeem the past—
Though his heart may break for his fate
make,
He will not come again!
Ring, bells of Beverly,
Ring on as ye ring them;
There is no mirth in Heaven or earth,
No truth in the hearts of men!

Mark! Hark!
Beverley Bells are ringing.
Upon the still night air,
There's a figure in the shadow,
There's a sorrow on the stair,
Regretting, aching, yearning
For the loved days gone by,
He has come at last to redeem the past—
Why makes she no reply?
Ring, bells of Beverly,
For a broken spirit passed,
For a weary heart that has found its
rest,
And a soul at peace at last!
—Clifton Bingham in London Theater.

MME. DERLINE.

Prince Agenor was literally beside himself on Friday, April 19, 1892, at the opera during the second act of "Sigurd." The prince hurried from box to box, and his enthusiasm kept growing.
"That blond! Ah! That blond! She's an ideal, that blond! Look at that blond! Do you know that blond?"
At last he found Palmer, the banker.
"The name, the name of that blond in the Sainte-Moines box?"
"Mme. Derline."
"Is there a M. Derline?"
"Assuredly—a notary—my notary—the Sainte-Moines notary. And if you want to see Mme. Derline closer come to my house to the ball next Thursday. She will be there."

After the opera, when people were going out, the prince took a position at the foot of the grand staircase. He had entrapped two of his friends.

"Come," he said to them, "I want to show you the most beautiful woman in Paris."

Just as he said that there was standing within two paces of the prince an alert young man attached to one of the morning newspapers, a newspaper widely read. This young man had a sharp ear. He caught as it flew the expression of Prince Agenor whose high position in society he knew. He managed to avoid meeting the prince, but when Mme. Derline was about to pass the young reporter was clever enough to overhear, without losing a single word, the conversation of the three brilliant noblemen.

Mme. Derline arose the next morning at 8 o'clock. Her maid came in, placed a salver on a little table, lit a big fire in the open grate and withdrew. There were on the salver a cup of chocolate and a newspaper—the same thing every morning.

Mme. Derline touched the rim of the cup to her lips and burned herself. So she had to wait awhile. She put down the cup, took the paper, unfolded it, and rapidly, with a look, ran through the six columns on the first page. At the bottom, at the very bottom of the sixth column, she found these lines:

"Last night there was a very brilliant representation of 'Sigurd' at the opera. Many of the most distinguished women of fashion were there—the handsome Duchesse de Montaigne, the pretty Comtesse de Montaigne, the Comtesse de Montaigne de Lardac, the admirable Marquise de Muriel and the piquant Baronesse de Myrvoix."

"We have to announce a new star that has suddenly come to shine in the Parisian constellation. The house was in ecstasies over a blond with sad eyes, with eyes like steel, and whose shoulders—ah! what shoulders! Those shoulders were the event of the evening. On all sides people were asking: 'Who is she? Who is she?' To whom belong those divine shoulders?"

"To whom? We know, and our readers will thank us for telling them the name of this marvelous beauty—it is Mme. Derline."

Her name! She had read her name! She grew dizzy. Her eyes crossed each other. All the letters of the alphabet seemed to dance like mad in the newspaper. After awhile they grew quieter, stopped and put back into their places, she managed to find it again—her name—and took up her reading.

"It is Mme. Derline, the wife of one of the most esteemed and richest notaries of Paris. The Prince de Nerins, whose word carries authority in these matters, said last night to every one he met, 'That is the most beautiful woman in Paris.' We are entirely of that opinion."

She finished reading, and a sudden anxiety seized her.

"Edward! What will Edward say?"
Edward was her husband. She had never in her life called any other man than her husband by his first name. He was loved, this notary, and almost at the moment she asked herself what Edward would say Edward hurriedly opened the door.

"Why do these newspaper men meddle in what doesn't concern them? This is an outrage! Your name! Look at it there; your name in this paper!"

Mme. Derline very sweetly and gently set about bringing this rebel to reason.
"Why this rage, this great vexation? They accuse you of being the husband of the most beautiful woman in Paris. Is that true, or is it a misfortune or a fright?"

Reduced to obedience, M. Derline went down stairs to his office to make money for the most beautiful woman in Paris.

A very wise and a very timely occupation, because scarcely had Mme. Derline been left alone when a thought came into her head that would rid the notary's strong box of a very pretty bundle of bank notes.

It seemed to her that her new position imposed new duties upon her. She could not present herself at the Palmer's ball without a new dress and one from a celebrated hand. So she ordered her carriage in the afternoon and resolutely gave her coachman the address of M. Arthur, one of the most illustrious dressmakers in Paris.

"Oh, madame, a full dress—a splendid gown for Thursday," and that was all she said. "I don't dare make such a

promise, because I could not fulfill it. There are responsibilities to which I never expose myself."

Two tears, two little tears, glistened on the edge of her lashes. M. Arthur felt himself moved. A woman, a pretty woman, weeping there before him. Never had such homage been paid to his genius.

"Mon Dieu, madame, I am anxious to make the effort—a very simple dress!"
"Oh, no, not simple; on the contrary, very striking—brilliant in the highest degree. Two of my friends are your customers" (she told him their names) "and I, I am Mme. Derline."

"Mme. Derline! You are Mme. Derline!"
It was theatrical, absolutely theatrical.

Mme. Derline returned the next day and the next after that, and every day until the eve of the famous Thursday, and every time she went back, while waiting her turn to try on her gown, she ordered dresses, very plain, but nevertheless costing 700 to 800 francs.

Nor was that all. The day of the first visit to M. Arthur, when Mme. Derline walked out of the fine place she was so much moved, she had been her mother-in-law's coupe and had rolled around the streets of Paris for fifteen years.

Mme. Derline only entered this shocking coupe to be driven to a very illustrious carriage maker's.

That night, adroitly seizing the psychological moment, she explained to M. Derline that she had seen a certain little black coupe, lined with deep blue satin, that would divinely frame her new gown.

The coupe was bought next day by M. Derline, who himself began to realize the extent of his new duties. But next day he saw it was impossible to harness to that pretty toy of a coupe the old horse that drew the old carriage, and equally impossible to put on the box the old coachman who drove the old horse.

That is why on Thursday, April 25, at 10:30 p. m., a very handsome sorrel mare, driven by a very correct English coachman, drew M. and Mme. Derline to the Palmer's house. Nevertheless, yet one thing was lacking—a little groom by the English coachman's side. But one must use a certain discretion. The most beautiful woman in Paris proposed to wait for ten days before asking for the little groom.

While she mounted the staircase at the Palmer's she distinctly heard the repeated little blows of her heartbeats. She entered, and for the first minute she enjoyed the delicious sensation of success. Yes, decidedly all went well. She was in the way of having all Paris at her feet. And sure of herself, more confident, more courageous, more rash, she advanced, leaning on M. Palmer's arm, who introduced her on the way to comtes, marquises and dukes.

Palmer suddenly said to her: "I am anxious to present to you one of your greatest admirers, who the other night at the opera could talk of nothing else but your beauty—the Prince de Nerins."

Mme. Derline was not to see the Prince de Nerins that night. Nevertheless he had counted surely on going to Palmer's house, and presiding at the apothecia of his notary's wife. But he died at his club and permitted himself to be persuaded to go to a first performance at a small theater. They played an operetta cast in the classic mold. The principal character was a young queen, who was always escorted by four regal ladies of honor.

Three of these young ladies were well known to first nighters as having figured in a good many finales of operettas and in not a few processions of fairies. But the fourth—oh, the fourth! She was new, a magnificent brunette of the most surprising beauty. When the audience was leaving, Prince de Nerins said to every one who would listen to him:

"That brunette! Heint! That brunette! There's nothing like her in any other theater. She's the most beautiful woman in Paris. The most beautiful!"

The next morning Mme. Derline found in the fashionable intelligence of her newspaper ten lines about the Palmer's ball. The marchionesses, the countesses and the duchesses who were there, were named, but of her, Mme. Derline, not a word—not one word.

And to make it worse, he who wrote about the theatrical performance landed in enthusiastic terms the beauty of the ideal lady of honor and said, "Moreover, the Prince de Nerins declared that incontestably Mme. Derline was the most beautiful woman in Paris."

Mme. Derline threw the paper in the fire. She did not wish her husband to know that she was no longer the most beautiful woman in Paris.

Nevertheless she held on to the great dressmaker and the English coachman, but she has never dared to ask for the little groom.—Translated from the French of Ludovic Halévy for the New York World.

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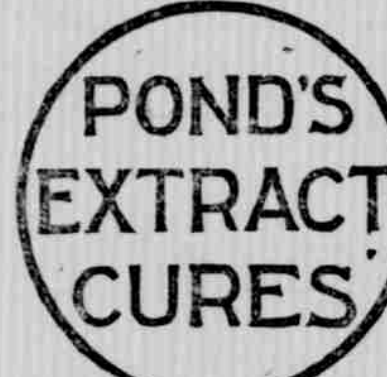


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